

Galway Central School District
Special Board of Education Meeting
MINUTES
Thursday, March 29, 2012

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

The meeting began at 6:30 PM in the Large Group Instruction Room.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Cheryl Smith, Nancy Lisicki, Dennis Schaperjahn, Joan Slagle, John Sutton

Board Members Absent: Janet Glenn, Thomas Rumsey

Others Present: Kimberly LaBelle, Superintendent of Schools; Linda Jackowski, Director of Pupil Services, Peter Bednarek, Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Norman Griffin, Elementary School Principal; Michael Sherman, Acting Transportation and Facilities Director; parents, students, employees, community members and others.

Additions/Revisions to the Agenda – None

Public Comment on Agenda – None

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. LaBelle reported that the past two months have been filled with intensive work on the budget, and that it continues on a daily basis. Given the feedback from various stakeholders, faculty, staff and Board members it was clear that some items included in the "Core Plus" Budget needed to be included in the "Core Budget". Therefore, further work was conducted with the intent to trim areas which would allow for reinstatement of program(s). The District also received new information on the tax cap calculation, additional state aid, significant BOCES cost adjustments, as well as new guidance on paying for purchased buses.

As a result of this work, new recommendations were provided to the Board for consideration. The recommendations include re-instating pre-calc, statistics, chemistry, physics, electives, PLTW, .5 elementary enrichment and a 1.0 teacher aide position. The Board did not make any decisions given the significant change in the information. They are meeting next Thursday and will continue discussing these recommendations and others. As soon as the Board finalizes information it will be distributed. She did not think any information will be distributed prior to the spring break. Mrs. LaBelle stated that during this time of year, the budget changes on a daily basis and every effort to finalize these numbers is being taken to get the information out to everyone.

State aid runs came in at 5:00 PM which showed a little over \$38,000 additional money coming to the district. Mrs. LaBelle stated that she was not prepared to release any new budget numbers since this new information just came in. She asked that possibly the Board could adopt the budget next week after they have reviewed it and commented that it would ideal to do so because information on what is included and what is not included in the budget could be given to the community and we could move forward. She stated that the April 5th board work session could be changed to a Board meeting if the board chose to do so. The Board does not meet again after that to review the budget until April 19th. The Board has until April 22nd to adopt the budget. John Sutton stated that although the budget looks much better than it did last week with adjustments made, he did not think there was any way the board could adopt the budget next week. The consensus of the Board was that they would not be adopting the budget next week and that they needed more time. The Board requested that the Superintendent electronically send them a revised line by line detailed budget along with distance learning information for their review. Mrs. LaBelle agreed to get this information to them.

Consent Agenda

Motion: Nancy Lisicki Second: Dennis Schaperjahn All voted aye. Motion Passed 5-0
To approve the consent agenda containing the March 15, 2012 Board of Education Work Session Minutes.

Board Member Comments – None

New Business

Michael Sherman, Acting Transportation and Facilities Director, listened to comments and suggestions regarding buses and student transportation and responded to several questions from the Board and those in attendance.

Jennifer Alden-Lee reported on behalf of the Stakeholder Council regarding student schedules. Minutes of their meeting will be sent to Mrs. LaBelle and will be posted on the District's website.

Motion: John Sutton Second: Nancy Lisicki All voted aye. Motion Passed 5-0
Resolved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Pupil Transportation Safety Institute Inc. (PTSI) as a Transportation Consultant in the amount of \$5,350 which includes all consult fees and expenses.

Public Comment

The Board listened to further comments and suggestions regarding the budget and student transportation. Vicki Weaver, Bus Driver, stated that it was not fair to ask the Transportation Department to agree to a salary freeze when that department has already taken a cut of approximately \$46,000. This is the salary savings from reducing bus driver hours from four hours to three hours per day.

Executive Session

Motion: Nancy Lisicki Second: John Sutton All voted aye. Motion Passed 5-0
To move into executive session at 7:40 PM to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Regular Session

Motion: Nancy Lisicki Second: Dennis Schaperjahn All voted aye. Motion Passed 5-0
To return to regular session at 9:40 PM.

Adjournment

Motion: John Sutton Second: Nancy Lisicki All voted aye. Motion Passed 5-0
To adjourn at 9:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Casatelli
District Clerk